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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d) and in response to the Notice to File Corrected
Application Papers (copy enclosed), Applicants enclose replacement drawings Figures 1-3 (2
sheets).

The numbering in Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings has been clarified.

In Figure 3, the handwritten notations added to the second box from the bottom of the
Figure on the left side have been inserted into the typed text in the box. Also, the words "NON-
DISSOLVING" which were previously handwritten above the words "CELLULOSIC PULP
(FIBER) PRODUCTS" on the left side of the Figure have been also added to the typed text.

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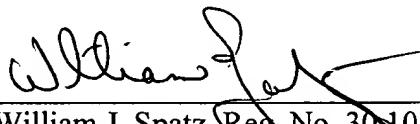
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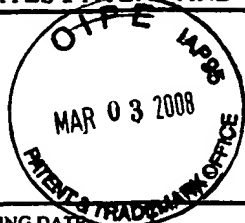
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Notice of Allowance Mailed

This application has been accorded an Allowance Date and is being prepared for issuance. The application, however, is incomplete for the reasons below.

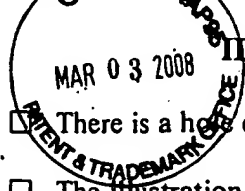
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- ☐ Color drawings are present in this application but the following 37 CFR 1.84(a) requirements have not been met*:
 - ☐ Petition explaining why color drawings are necessary
 - ☐ Petition fee set forth in § 1.17(h)
 - ☐ Three (3) sets of color drawings
 - ☐ Color drawing paragraph in specification

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